REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, the specification and title are amended. Reconsideration of the present application based on the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

I. The Specification Satisfies All Formal Requirements

The specification has been objected to because the cross-reference for the claimed foreign priority is missing; and the title of the invention is not descriptive. Accordingly, the specification has been amended to include the cross-reference for the claimed foreign priority and an amended title is included that more clearly indicates the invention to which the claims are directed. As such, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

II. Drawings

The Office Action objects to Fig. 1 by asserting that only that which is old is illustrated and asserts that Fig. 1 should be designated by a legend such as "Prior Art".

The specification discloses in multiple areas that Fig. 1 discloses the present invention. For instance, the Brief Description of the Drawings discloses that Fig. 1 is a block diagram illustrating a device retrieving apparatus in one embodiment of the present invention (page 13, lines 1-2). Thus, Fig. 1 is clearly described in the application as disclosing a preferred embodiment of the invention. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

III. The Claims Define Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action rejects claims 1-14 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,552,813 to Yacoub. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Yacoub fails to disclose externally inputting an individual description of the desired person as a specific individual description via an input unit, as claimed in claim 1, and similarly claimed in claims 6 and 9.

Instead, in Yacoub, a virtual printer, as part of the client generating a print job, receives preferences from a user regarding the print job such as image quality and/or speed (col. 2, lines 8-12). Furthermore, according to Yacoub, a command menu or a graphical user interface (GUI) menu will pop up on the user's display screen as a dialog so that the user can select the parameters of his print job such as speed, quality and either color or black and white (col. 6, lines 50-54).

Thus, in Yacoub, the user does not input an individual description. According to the present invention, an individual description includes the names of the individuals as well as any other descriptions used to identify the individuals, such as identification numbers and codes (page 4, lines 15-18).

Yacoub's disclosure provides other instances that show that the user profile and print job profile are configured to store preferences selected by a user. For instance, Yacoub discloses the preferences can all be stored in a user profile or even a print job profile for each individual print job (col. 7, lines 24-26). Furthermore, Yacoub discloses that with a user profile, the server is capable of storing a default profile of what types of print jobs the user or client is most likely to request (col. 7, lines 26-30).

Thus, in Yacoub, the user profile and print job profile are not themselves input into an input unit. Furthermore, as described above, Yacoub's default profile is also a type or location of print job, and, thus, it does not correspond to the individual description.

Thus, Yacoub fails to provide all of the features of the present invention. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 6 and 9 are distinguishable over the applied art. Furthermore, those claims which depend from claims 1, 6 and 9 are likewise distinguishable over the applied art for at least the reasons discussed above as well as for the additional features they recite. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) is respectfully requested.

Furthermore, Yacoub fails to disclose that when an instruction is given externally via an input unit to select a specific individual symbol corresponding to the desired person among the individual symbols displayed on the screen, specifying an individual description of the desired person corresponding to the selected specific individual symbol as a specific individual description, as recited in claim 2, and similarly recited in claims 7 and 10.

Similarly, Yacoub fails to disclose that when an instruction is given externally via an input unit to map a desired first device symbol among the device symbols displayed on the screen to a specific individual symbol corresponding to the desired person, specifying an individual description of the desired person corresponding to the mapped individual symbol as a specific individual description, as recited in claim 3, and similarly recited in claims 8 and 11.

Instead, as discussed above, Yacoub merely discloses a command menu or a GUI menu will pop up on the user's display screen as a dialog so that the user can select the parameters of his print job such as speed, quality and either color or black and white.

Thus, Yacoub only discloses that selection items for selecting parameters of a print job are displayed on the pop up menu.

In the present invention, on the other hand, device symbols include icons that are pictorial representations of devices as well as any other user-recognizable representations that can be displayed on the screen, such as letters or characters, figures, symbols, codes and colors corresponding to the devices. Furthermore, the specification discloses that these are also applicable to individual symbols and data symbols, and in the case of individual symbols, a photograph or an illustration of an individual may be used for the pictorial representation of the individual (page 4, lines 18-25).

Thus, Yacoub cannot display device symbols and individual symbols. For at least these reasons, it is respectfully submitted that claims 7, 8, 10 and 11 are distinguishable over
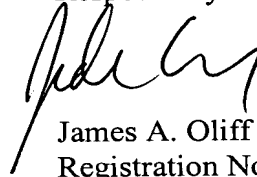
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likewise distinguishable over the applied art for at least the reasons discussed above as well as

for the additional features they recite. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection under

35 U.S.C. §102(e) is respectfully requested.

IV.   Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in

condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims are

earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place

this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact

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